

Introduced by Senator Florez

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An act relating to biodiesel.

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SB 1574, as introduced, Florez. Biodiesel: commission.

Existing law establishes various commissions to promote agricultural products from the state.

This bill would make findings and declarations regarding the production of biodiesel in this state, and state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to establish a Biodiesel Commission to administer promotional programs for biodiesel production in this state, and to assist with the promotion, production, marketing research, quality standards, and dissemination of production information regarding biodiesel fuel in this state.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares the
- 2 following:
- 3 (1) Biodiesel produced in this state constitutes one of the state's
- 4 principal alternative fuels. The biodiesel industry in this state is
- 5 expanding. The industry constitutes an important source of jobs
- 6 for many people in the state, and provides an environmental benefit
- 7 by producing alternative fuel, resulting in cleaner air for
- 8 Californians.

1 (2) As an emerging product in alternative fuels, biodiesel is not
2 heavily used by many of California's citizens. Opportunity exists
3 for continued growth and expansion of the industry, by creating
4 new markets for this fuel. The success of creating new markets is
5 uniquely dependent upon effective advertising, promotion,
6 collection, and dissemination of public information. The creation
7 of new markets is essentially a matter of educating and informing
8 people of the use, environmental benefits, and availability of a
9 previously unknown or unrecognized alternative fuel.

10 (3) The establishment of a commission for biodiesel is
11 imperative for efficient development and management of a national
12 and international advertising program that will ensure that the
13 California biodiesel industry can compete successfully in the
14 marketplace and increase revenues to biodiesel producers.

15 (4) The production and marketing of biodiesel produced in this
16 state is hereby declared to be a matter of public interest.

17 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to
18 establish a Biodiesel Commission to administer promotional
19 programs for biodiesel production in this state, and to assist with
20 the promotion, production, marketing research, quality standards,
21 and dissemination of production information regarding biodiesel
22 fuel in this state.